

Marine Fisheries

Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL)

What Activities Require This Permit? The Standard Commercial Fishing License allows fishermen to harvest and sell fish, shrimp, crabs or any other marine species except shellfish and menhaden (captured by purse seine).

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify commercial fishermen.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? \$400 for North Carolina residents. \$400 for non-residents or the amount charged to North Carolina residents in the non-resident state, whichever is greater. In no event is it to be less than \$400. See fee schedule for other endorsement, replacement and transfer fees.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for existing license holders and transfers. Applicants who do not hold the license may submit an application to the Eligibility Pool that may take up to six months for review.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? All licenses are valid up to one year and expire on June 30.

Notes/Comments: This license is transferable and may be assigned to others to use. To harvest shellfish, fishermen must select endorsements to the SCFL. The shellfish endorsement includes harvest of scallops, clams, conchs, whelks, oysters, and mussels in North Carolina waters. Only individual North Carolina residents are eligible for this endorsement.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-168.2, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0101.

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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